



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5284***

LCO No. 855

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***An Act Concerning The Fingerprinting Of Arrested Persons.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 29-11 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) The bureau in the Division of State Police within the Department  
4 of Public Safety known as the State Police Bureau of Identification shall  
5 be maintained for the purposes (1) of providing an authentic record of  
6 each person sixteen years of age or over who is charged with the  
7 commission of any crime, [involving moral turpitude,] (2) of providing  
8 definite information relative to the identity of each person so arrested,  
9 (3) of providing a record of the final judgment of the court resulting  
10 from such arrest, unless such record has been erased pursuant to  
11 section 54-142a, and (4) for maintaining a central repository of  
12 complete criminal history record disposition information. The  
13 Commissioner of Public Safety is directed to maintain the State Police  
14 Bureau of Identification, which bureau shall receive, classify and file in  
15 an orderly manner all fingerprints, pictures and descriptions,  
16 including previous criminal records as far as known of all persons so  
17 arrested, and shall classify and file in a like manner all identification

18 material and records received from the government of the United  
19 States and from the various state governments and subdivisions  
20 thereof, and shall cooperate with such governmental units in the  
21 exchange of information relative to criminals. The State Police Bureau  
22 of Identification shall accept fingerprints of applicants for admission to  
23 the bar of the state and, to the extent permitted by federal law, shall  
24 exchange state, multistate and federal criminal history records with the  
25 State Bar Examining Committee for purposes of investigation of the  
26 qualifications of any applicant for admission as an attorney under  
27 section 51-80. The record of all arrests reported to the bureau after  
28 March 16, 1976, shall contain information of any disposition within  
29 ninety days after the disposition has occurred.

30 Sec. 2. Section 29-12 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
31 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

32 All persons arrested for crime as described in section 29-11, as  
33 amended by this act, shall submit to the taking of their fingerprints  
34 and physical description and all sheriffs, constables and chiefs of  
35 police of organized police departments and the commanding officers  
36 of state police stations shall immediately furnish to the State Police  
37 Bureau of Identification two copies of a standard identification card on  
38 which shall be imprinted fingerprints of each person so arrested,  
39 together with the physical description of, and such information as said  
40 bureau may require with respect to, such arrested person. When  
41 fingerprint images are captured by electronic means, the electronic  
42 imaging equipment used shall be compatible with the specifications of  
43 the Department of Public Safety's automated fingerprint identification  
44 system and be approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety or said  
45 commissioner's designee. All wardens of correctional institutions and  
46 the community correctional center administrator shall furnish to the  
47 State Police Bureau of Identification such information with respect to  
48 prisoners as said bureau requires. The Commissioner of Public Safety  
49 may adopt regulations for the submission to and the taking of  
50 fingerprints as required under this section which will promote

51 efficiency and be consistent with advances in automation and  
52 technology. Any person who fails to submit to the taking of  
53 fingerprints as required under this section shall be guilty of a class A  
54 misdemeanor.

55 Sec. 3. Section 29-17 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
56 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

57 Any person who neglects or refuses to comply with the  
58 requirements of sections 29-11, as amended by this act, 29-11a and 29-  
59 13 to 29-16, inclusive, shall be fined not more than one hundred  
60 dollars.

***JUD Committee Vote:*** Yea 39 Nay 0 JF